

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF NEUSTAR, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF)	CASE NO. GNR-T-15-06
NPA RELIEF PLAN FOR THE 208 AREA)	
CODE)	NOTICE OF
)	PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
)	
)	ORDER NO. 33559

On July 21, 2015, Neustar, Inc.¹ filed an Application seeking Commission approval to implement a “Relief Plan” for the 208 area code, which had been projected to run out of available numbers in mid-2018. Neustar proposed the addition of a new area code overlaying the geographic area currently served by the 208 area code, with a 16-month implementation period. The plan called for a new area code designation on *new* numbers assigned in Idaho, and would require 10-digit dialing for all telephone calls. The new area code would not require any changes to current numbers and would not impact rates.

The Commission received and considered extensive public comments. The Commission also accepted comments of the applicant and the telecommunications industry. After carefully reviewing the record, on November 2, 2015, the Commission issued a final Order approving Neustar’s Application. Order No. 33414. Specifically, the Commission approved implementation of the proposed overlay relief plan and 16-month implementation schedule. *Id.* The Commission further ordered that Staff “participate with the Industry and Neustar in the generation of media releases, customer education, community involvement, and public workshops to ensure the rapid and equitable implementation of the plan with adequate customer education.” *Id.* at 7. Soon after, Neustar issued Idaho the new area code: 986.

Consistent with direction from the Commission, Staff now seeks to convene five area code public workshops. The purpose of the workshops is to provide information to the public as to why a second area code has become necessary, to inform customers of the deadlines to implement the second area code, and to ease the transition for residential and business customers to 10-digit dialing. Because the Commission has already made its final determination regarding

¹ Neustar appears before the Commission in its capacity as administrator of the North American Numbering Plan, and on behalf of the Idaho telecommunications industry.

the relief plan and implementation timeline, these sessions will be informational in nature, and not an opportunity to discuss alternatives.

Staff proposed the following schedule and location for the informational workshops:

Lewiston, Idaho – Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (PDT)

Nez Perce County Commission Building, 1424 Main Street

Coeur d’Alene, Idaho – Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (PDT)

Driftwood Bay Room, Student Union Building, North Idaho College,
100 W. Garden Avenue

Pocatello, Idaho – Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (MDT)

The Newberry Building, 160 North Main Street

Twin Falls, Idaho – Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (MDT)

City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Avenue East

Boise, Idaho – Tuesday October 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (MDT)

Idaho Public Utilities Commission Hearing Room, 472 West Washington

All workshops in this matter will be held in facilities meeting the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Persons needing the help of a sign language interpreter or other assistance in order to participate in or to understand testimony and argument at a public hearing may ask the Commission to provide a sign language interpreter or other assistance at the workshop. The request for assistance must be received at least five (5) working days before the hearing by contacting the Commission Secretary at:

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COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission has reviewed Staff's proposed workshop schedule and believes the planned workshops further the mandate of the Commission for Staff to educate and involve the community to ensure the rapid and equitable implementation of the plan. Thus, we approve of the proposed workshop schedule and issue notice of the same.

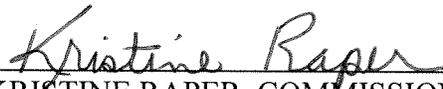
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed informational workshop schedule is approved. Staff shall conduct appropriate workshops consistent with that schedule.

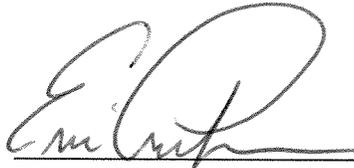
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 26th day of July 2016.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

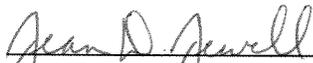


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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